

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Fourth Sunday of Easter + May 7, 2017

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church was founded in 1958 and is an integral part of the Mountainside community.

As a parish, we strive to:

form one family in Christ embracing our various backgrounds and age differences;

unify and strengthen our parish bonds through living our Catholic faith supported by Eucharistic Adoration, Educational, Service, and Social Ministries;

To evangelize and minister to the needs of God's people under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, reflecting the greater Church's efforts to promote love of God and love of neighbor - through our Catholic faith and works.

Throughout this journey, we strive to become stronger families, neighbors and Catholics living our lives according to the teaching of Jesus Christ, under the protection and intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Weekdays 7:30 am & 8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Days As Announced

Penance Saturdays 1:00 pm

Novena to the Miraculous Medal
Saturdays following 8:00 am Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fridays following the 7:30 am Mass

Baptisms scheduled monthly excluding Lent

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Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Louis Rose. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Marta Pares, Antonie Bachmeier, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, David Gagliardotto, Irene Ciccarino, Nancy Smith, Louise Stacey and Eve Vitale.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Rosemarie Pollick requested by Marie Hine.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla, and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Parish Calendar

Monday, May 8th

7:00 pm - 1st Eucharist Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 10th

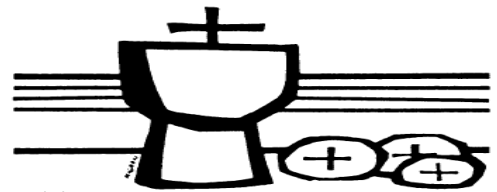
7:30 pm - Women’s Keeping in Balance

Thursday, May 11th

9:15 am - Women’s Resisting Happiness

Saturday, May 13th

8:45 am - Gathering of Women
10:30 am - 1st Eucharist Mass



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

A few of this week’s tweets from Pope Francis....

Let’s promote friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions in order to build a world of peace.

If we had God’s Word always in our heart, no temptation could separate us from God.

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.



Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



New members are most welcome. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the library and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. If you have questions, please see Joe Neglia or call him at 973-503-9675.

ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

We have people coming to Our Lady of Lourdes on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. **ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES?** If you are not, it becomes more complicated if you need some kind of form to be filled out stating that you are a parishioner. The best way for you to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter. PLEASE – save yourself and our parish staff a great deal of time and trouble -- Visit the PARISH office and register!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes before Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.

Isaiah 49:15-16

Did you think God's silence in your life meant He had forgotten you? Oh no! God says He has engraved your name on the palms of His hands. He says that a mother could forget her nursing baby at mealtime before He could forget you! You are in God's heart and on His mind every moment. He is fully informed of your circumstances and will bring about change when He knows the time is right.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!

- Sunday: 4 am, 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 6 pm, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am, 11pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 3 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday: 3 am
- Friday: 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm
- Saturday: 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm

...the more difficult the sacrificial hour, the greater the blessing...an early AM adorer or a 2-3 AM adorer.



Adoration chapel candles may burn in Memory of, or in Honor of a Loved one, Special Birthday or Anniversary, or for a Special Intention. When you don't know what to purchase as a gift, consider a gift of Prayer.

Contact the Parish Office... Donation \$25.00.

ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS

If you are having a weekend Mass offered for yourself or a relative living or deceased and would like to bring up the gifts of bread & wine at the Offertory of the Mass, please advise the ushers beforehand so that you may present the Offertory Gifts at that particular Mass.



Saturday Evening, May 6th, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM David Tidaback
Req. by Dianne Tidaback

Sunday, May 7th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Nellie O'Shea
Req. by Bill O'Shea

9:30 AM John Petic
Req. by Kristen Ciccimarra

11:30 AM Jack Ferrere
Req. by his wife, Florence

5:00 PM John Burke
Req. by the Cataldo Family

Monday, May 8th

7:30 AM Russell Kinney
Req. by the Hilongos Family

8:30 AM Genevieve Gilmartin
Req. by Eileen Schrader

Tuesday, May 9th

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Peter Buhlinger
Req. by Rosemary Geertsma

Wednesday, May 10th, St. Damien de Veuster

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

8:30 AM Andrew Pasquarella
Req. by Madeline Zazzali

Thursday, May 11th

7:30 AM Kathleen Dzierzame
Req. by Rev. Richard Carrington

8:30 AM Mary Conway
Req. by Kelly Waters & Family

Friday, May 12th, Sts. Nereus and Achilleus

7:30 AM Marie Busi
Req. by Goggi Family

8:30 AM Phyllis Baum
Req. by Eve Vitale

Saturday, May 13th, Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 AM Hilda A. Cuff
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, May 13th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 14th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

11:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

NOTE: Sunday, May 21st will be the last Sunday for the 5 pm evening Mass. It will resume after Labor Day.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE SCRIPTURES



The Fourth Week of Easter gives us a continuing picture of how the Holy Spirit is guiding the early community. Peter's preaching is full of fire and it is effective in bringing many to baptism. Sunday's gospel begins our reflection on Jesus as the gate, the gate keeper and our shepherd, all from the 10th chapter of the Fourth Gospel. Jesus describes the intimate relationship he has with us: "I know my own and mine know me." We recognize his voice and we follow him.

The first readings this week continue the story of the growth of the community, through the Acts of the Apostles.

For the gospels this week, we read from John's Gospel, chapters 10, 12, 13 and 14 - all emphasizing who Jesus is - from the Father and one with the Father. He has come to bring us light and life. He promises us that he is the gate, the way to life. And, he assures us that if we make our home in him, he will be in us, and we will thereby be one with Jesus and the Father. He says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me." "From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM." "Do not let your hearts be troubled." "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
 Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
 Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.

Collection

4/30/17

\$6,769

Year to Date Actual

\$365,318

Year to Date Budget

\$380,003

Deficit

- \$14,685



May is Poppy Month!

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be at the doors of the church this weekend asking your support. Proceeds from the sale of these Poppies go to support the work of the VFW for veterans with special needs as well as those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan as well as other areas of the world. Please be generous.

Join us for prayer and reflection and sharing

Saturday..... May 13th



Gathering of Women for Prayer

8:45 am - Gathering

9:00 am - Prayer: Preparation for the Easter of Pentecost

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Fr. Richard would like to meet with all Parish Council Members on Tuesday, May 16th in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. Members please plan to attend!



**WELCOME CARDINAL TOBIN
TUESDAY, MAY 9th
7:30 PM MASS**

His Eminence, Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will visit the Union County Northwest Deanery consisting of six parishes (Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Peace, St. James the Apostle, St. Rose of Lima and St. Teresa of Avila) on Tuesday, May 9th. The 7:30 pm Mass will take place at St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield followed by an informal discussion and light refreshments. All parishioners of the Deanery are invited to attend and join in this special evening.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

Our parish offers prayerful congratulations to the following boys and girls who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th at the 10:30 am Mass. We thank our Faith Formation Director Mrs. Fran Michetti, her assistant Mrs. Cindy DiPietro and the teachers who prepared the children to receive this Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

May 7, 2017

Lilly D’Aprano
Brooke De Angelis
Molly De Santis
Isabella Gamboa
Caoimhe Gorham
Amelia Gottschall

Isabella Guadagnino
Ethan Guarango
Colin Hasselgren
Grant Matejek
Jonna McElroy
Charlotte McLaughlin

Ava Monteiro
Carly Pfeiffer
Jack Salerno
Charles Sinnott
Gabriella Stoffer
Emma Wargaski

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CATECHISTS AND AIDES

Linda Andrew
Daniela D’Aprano
Maureen Francisco
Adriana Gamboa

Pam Kisciras
Steve Matejek
Jennifer McElroy

The Parish is having a pancake breakfast to honor the Mother’s of the Parish after the 9:30 am Mass on May 14th in Pollard Hall!



Mother’s Day Novena of Masses

Sunday, May 14th is Mother’s Day. What better way to honor our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers living and deceased than to pray for them at Holy Mass. Beginning at the Saturday, May 13th evening Mass the Parish shall offer nine masses for our dear one’s, living and deceased. Remember the words of St. Monica to her Son, St. Augustine: “I care not where you lay this body of mine, only remember me at the altar of the Lord”. Novena envelopes are on the entrance table in the Church Vestibule or speak to one of the parish ushers to obtain one.

OVERLOOK MEDICAL CENTER

Overlook Medical Center is seeking Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer at Overlook, Monday through Friday, if you are interested please contact Sue Thomas at Volunteer Services, at 908-522-2841.



Holy Trinity School News

Two Holy Trinity Alums who are current Seniors at Mount Saint Mary Academy, Veronica Cunningham and Jacqueline McNulla, will attend US Military Academies following their June graduation. Veronica Cunningham plans to major in Astronautical Engineering with a minor in Arabic at the United States Air Force Academy. Jacqueline McNulla, the class of 2017 MSMA valedictorian, will study Nuclear Engineering or Aerospace Engineering at the Naval Academy. She is considering a double major in Arabic and hopes to either work on a submarine or become a pilot when she is commissioned.

HTS seventh grader Angelika Demetrick was awarded second place and Cyril Maliakal placed third in the Union County Arbor Day Poetry contest. Their poems reflected the strong stewardship of God's Earth taught at Holy Trinity School.

The Mountainside Campus students attended the production of *Biscuit* at Kean University, Wilkens Theatre. The musical production was an enriching experience for all of the children, demonstrating a unique presentation of a familiar story.

Mrs. Melao's Two Year Old Class is learning about flowers and how they grow. God provides the rain and sun for the flowers to grow and bring new life for Spring.

Holy Trinity school is collecting Box Tops for Education. If you are able to clip and bring in your Box Tops, the proceeds will be used toward funding the Holy Trinity nurse fund. Any amount of Box Tops is greatly appreciated and collection boxes are in the back of the church.

Would you like to have your child in a full day PreK or Kindergarten program in September? *Breakfast Club and Afterschool Enrichment can extend the Kindergarten and PreK-4 day from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.* To book your tour or for more information about our kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at 908-233-1899.

If you have a child entering 1st grade in September, it is time to registration for Faith Formation. Sacrament preparation for First Holy Communion is a two year process that begins in 1st grade. Please contact the Faith Formation office at reled@ollmountainside.org or 908-233-1777 for more information. We look forward to working with you and your child!

Focus on Faith Formation



All of our Faith Formation classes are finished for the school year. We would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers, our parents who gave us so much support, and our students who worked so hard! Enjoy the rest of the spring and the summer!

Registration for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year is now open. Please go to ollfaithformation.org and click on the registration tab to obtain the forms. Registrations must be in by May 19th and classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. After May 19th a \$50 late fee will be imposed.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who made their First Holy Communion on May 6th. Everyone did a wonderful job!

First Communion Rehearsal for the May 13th Communion will be Monday, May 8th at 7 pm. All children should attend with at least one parent.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday, May 26th at 7 pm.

Catechists and Aides Needed:

The Faith Formation Office is currently setting up classes for the next school year, and catechists and aides are needed to teach the children about our faith and to help them develop a closer relationship with Christ. Please consider volunteering your time to this very important ministry. Help is especially needed Tuesday and Wednesdays from 4 pm-5:15 pm. There are also opportunities available in our Family Faith program that meets once a month on Sunday evenings. If you can help, please contact the Faith Formation office at 908-233-1777 or reled@ollmountainside.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, May 13th

10:30 am, First Holy Communion

Mother's Day, May 14th

Ascension Thursday, May 25th

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, May 26th

7:00 pm, Confirmation

**2017 SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS
ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and Sacred Scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us.

In Acts, Chapter 4, we learn that the early church shared all possessions with one another so that the Apostles and early Christian communities could fully proclaim "the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them."

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without: without the gift of faith; without the essential human needs; and without a personal relationship with Our Lord. We are called to Share God's Blessings, and when we do, we find freedom and joy in proclaiming the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, just as the Apostles did over 2,000 years ago!

Will you join your brothers and sisters in Sharing God's Blessings?

Our goal has been reduced by \$17,868.00. The parish goal for 2017 is \$ 34,500.00.

As of May 3, 2017, 51 families have pledged \$14,970.00. The amount of pledges redeemed is \$11,280.00.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. Pledge envelopes are on the church vestibule table.

From the Chancery.....

Requiem Mass for John Curry

The Archdiocese of New York has advised us that Cardinal Timothy Dolan will celebrate a Requiem Mass for John Curry, one of the witnesses to the Marian apparition at Knock in 1879. The Mass will be celebrated at 11 am on Saturday, May 13th at the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral.

Following the Mass, Curry, who had originally been buried in a communal grave, will be reinterred in a new grave in Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral Cemetery.

Joining Cardinal Dolan will be the Very Reverend Richard Gibbons, Rector of the Shrine of Knock in Ireland, along with a group of Irish pilgrims.

The Mass will be open to the public.

**"LIVING STONES"
THE ARCHDIOCESAN
4 YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The parish priests would like to thank the 98 families of our parish who have made pledges to this important Archdiocesan Fund Raiser. As was explained last year, this campaign seeks to establish a number of restricted gifts for the future of the Church of Newark. These includes our 3 seminaries, our 2 retired priests homes, nursing home care for aged priests, Catholic education, etc. To date \$ 256,750.00 as been pledged and \$97,572.00 has been received by the Chancery. To date our parish as received \$13,800.00 in rebates from the campaign Thank you to the donors! As is evident, this campaign is benefitting our parish!

SPECIAL FOR ALL WOMEN!

Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly

Please join us for a study of this book which will help us learn why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams and lack the courage to simply be ourselves...and how to choose happiness again so we can become the best versions of ourselves and start living with passion and purpose.

Who: All Women

Where: Spirituality Room at OLL

When: 6 Thursday mornings thru June 1, 2017

Time: 9:15 am - 10:30 am

Cost: \$3 for the book
(unless you already have it!)

Contact: Sue Zavodny at zavodnys@comcast.net or 789-8543 for more info.

Loss of a Child Prayer Service

The Bereavement Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower is offering the Loss of a Child Prayer Service on Sunday, May 21st at 2 pm in the Little Church, 310 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights. A time of prayer and remembrance for anyone who has ever grieved the loss of a child for any reason (miscarriage, still birth, natural death, failed adoption, etc.), at any age either before or after birth. All are welcome. Any questions, you may contact Mariana or Maria at bereavement.lf@gmail.com or the rectory at 908-464-1585.